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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 30 November 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m. (sharp)	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Afghanistan

Other matters

Morning*	4432nd meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. Wrap-up discussion on the work of the Security Council for the current month

   Letter dated 7 November 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Jamaica to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2001/1055)

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* To be held following the adjournment of the consultations of the whole.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m.	70th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Question of Palestine [41]

   (a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/56/35)

   (b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/642)

   (c) Draft resolutions (A/56/L.19, A/56/L.20, A/56/L.21, A/56/L.22)

(continued overleaf)

2. The situation in the Middle East [42]

   (a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/56/480, A/56/642)

   (b) Draft resolutions (A/56/L.23, A/56/L.24)

3 p.m. 71st PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

The situation in the Middle East [42]

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/56/480, A/56/642)

(b) Draft resolutions (A/56/L.23, A/56/L.24)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 35th meeting Conference Room 2

1. Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries [106] (A/56/222-S/2001/736, A/56/306 and A/56/358)

   (a) Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (A/56/297 and Corr.1, A/56/306, A/56/434, A/56/645 and Add.1 and A/C.2/56/5)

   (b) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 (A/56/208 and A/56/306)

   Conclusion of general discussion

2. Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.42

3. Environment and sustainable development: protection of global climate forpresent and future generations of mankind [98 (f)]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.41

4. Implementation of the Habitat Agenda and the outcome of the special session of the General Assembly on this topic [102]

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.39 and L.40

3 p.m.-6 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 2

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Felix Mbayu (Cameroon), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.27 (item 12), L.35, L.36, L.37 and L.38 (item 95 (a)), A/C.2/56/L.33 (item 95 (b)), A/C.2/56/L.32 (item 95 (d)), A/C.2/56/L.30 (item 104), A/C.2/56/L.34 (item 105) and A/C.2/56/L.31 (item 107)

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Dharmansjah Djumala (Indonesia), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.12 (item 98 (b))

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 53rd meeting Conference Room 1

3 p.m.-4.30 p.m. 54th meeting Conference Room 1

1. Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

   Action on draft decision A/C.3/56/L.79

2. Advancement of women [112]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/56/L.20/Rev.1 (and programme budget implications contained in A/C.3/56/L.76) and L.22

3. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [113]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.80 submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations

4. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [119 (b)]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/56/L.43/Rev.1, L.59, L.64, L.67/Rev.1, L.69 (and programme budget implications contained in A/C.3/56/L.81) and L.71

5. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [119 (c)]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/56/L.50, L.55, L.56/Rev.1 (and programme budget implications contained in A/C.3/56/L.83), L.57, L.58/Rev.1 and L.82

6. Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

   Action on document A/C.3/56/L.75

7. Suspension of the work of the session

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 122 (Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001) and 133 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations): Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly: Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.4/55/L.23 (Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects) (A/C.5/55/46 and Corr.1 and Add.1 and A/56/478)

2 p.m.-4.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 123 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 (A/56/6 and Corr.1, A/56/7, A/56/16, A/C.5/56/10/Rev.1 and A/C.5/56/11/Rev.2))

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Preparation for the Second World Assembly on Ageing
2. The use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination
3. Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women
4. Special session of the General Assembly on children
5. Development of an international radio broadcasting capacity for the United Nations

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 38 (Assistance in mine action)

Open-ended informal consultations (fourth) on the draft resolution under agenda item 38, organized by the delegation of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), will be held *today*, 30 November 2001, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room E. All delegations are invited to attend.

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Today, 30 November 2001, there will be meetings of interested delegations on the following draft proposals:

Room C-209B: A/C.2/56/L.3 (item 95 (c)), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room C: A/C.2/56/L.13 (item 99 (a)), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room C: A/C.2/56/L.14 (item 99 (b)), from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m.;

Economic and Social Council Chamber: A/C.2/56/L.5 (item 103), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.;

Conference Room B: A/C.2/56/L.13 (item 99 (a)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.;

Conference Room C: A/C.2/56/L.2 (item 95 (c)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and

Conference Room E: A/C.2/56/L.25 (item 96 (b)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Delegations are still requested to consult the blackboard outside of Conference Room 6 for any changes in the schedule for these consultations.

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The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will meet *today*, 30 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in room DC2-470A.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 30 November 2001

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 103 (Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)))

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 97 (a) (Women in development))

1.30 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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There will be a meeting of JUSCANZ *(Third Committee) today*, 30 November 2001, from 9 a.m. to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room E.

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There will be a meeting of the Commonwealth on "Financing for Development: The Route to Monterrey", *today*, 30 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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Informal meeting

An informal meeting, organized by the delegation of India, to discuss the draft resolution under agenda item 21 (f) (Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union) will be held *today*, 30 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 3 December 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m. — 72nd PLENARY MEETING — General Assembly Hall

1. The situation in the Middle East [42]
   (a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/56/480, A/56/642)
   (b) Draft resolutions (A/56/L.23, A/56/L.24)
2. Question of Palestine [41]
   (a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/56/35)
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   (c) Draft resolutions (A/56/L.19, A/56/L.20, A/56/L.21, A/56/L.22)

3 p.m. — 73rd PLENARY MEETING — General Assembly Hall

Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa [48]
   (a) Report of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Working Group on the Causes of conflict and the Promotion of Durable Peace and Sustainable Development in Africa (A/56/45)
   (b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/371)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	31st meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
2 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 31st meeting of the Second Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (a) (Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations)

Informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda item 20 (a), organized by the delegation of Sweden, will be held on Tuesday, 4 December 2001, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room B. All delegations are invited to attend.

Informal consultations on agenda item 35 (Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies)

There will be informal consultations on agenda item 35 on Tuesday, 4 December 2001, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on the safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel, under agenda item 20, organized by the delegation of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), will be held on Tuesday, 4 December 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room B. All delegations are invited to attend.

Informal consultations on agenda item 33 (Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin)

Informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda item 33, organized by the delegation of Greece, will be held on Wednesday, 5 December 2001, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room 8. All delegations are invited to attend.

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In accordance with resolution 55/75, adopted by the General Assembly on 4 December 2000, the Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the 2002 Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees will convene for the first time in Geneva on Monday, 3 December 2001, at 3 p.m. in Room XVII at the Palais des Nations.

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The Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will meet on Friday, 7 December 2001, at 11 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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SECURITY COUNCIL

The 227th (closed)* meeting of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq et Kuwait will be held on Monday, 3 December 2001, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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* The Chairman will give an oral briefing to interested members of the United Nations in the same conference room, immediately after the meeting. Following the oral briefing to members of the United Nations, the Chairman will give a briefing to the press.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

There will be informal consultations to prepare negotiations on the consolidated text of the International Strategy for Action on Ageing from 3 to 7 December 2001 in Conference 1. The informal consultations will begin on Monday, 3 December, at 3 p.m.

The resumed session of the Preparatory Committee for the Second World Assembly on Ageing will be held from 10 to 14 December 2001.

The consolidated text of the International Strategy may be viewed and downloaded on the Web site of the United Nations Programme on Ageing (http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/ageing/waa/strategycons.doc). Copies of the text are also available outside of the office of Mr. John Langmore, Director, Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (room DC2-1370).

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The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Bob F. Jalang'o (Kenya), on Tuesday, 4 December 2001, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room 9.

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The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (4-15 March 2002). There will be two panels focusing on the following thematic issues being taken up by the Commission: (1) Eradicating poverty, including through the empowerment of women throughout their life cycle in a globalizing world; and (2) Environmental management and mitigation of natural disasters: a gender perspective. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1259), no later than Friday, 7 December 2001.

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United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Second regular session for 2001

The second regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 10 to 14 December 2001 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Following consultations with delegations, the Facilitator for the International Conference on Financing for Development, Mr. Mauricio Escanero, has scheduled the release of the revised draft outcome document of the Conference for Thursday, 6 December 2001, at which time it will be posted on the Financing for Development Web site (http://www.un.org/esa/ffd).

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Ms. Gabriela Martinic (Argentina), Chairperson of Working Group II dealing with agenda item 5 (Practical confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms) of the Disarmament Commission, would like to remind all delegations that the Working Group requested her to gather information on documents and meetings on existing confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms, to be provided by the delegations, preferably by 1 December 2001, on the understanding that they might submit further information at a later stage (tel.: (212) 688-6300, extension 226; fax: (212) 980-8395).

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on the Second World Assembly on Ageing)* on Monday, 3 December 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 (*on agenda item 98 (c) (Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa))* on Monday, 3 December 2001, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 7.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 (*on the International Conference on Financing for Development)* on Monday, 3 December 2001, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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There will be a meeting of the Arab Group of the Whole *(at the ambassadorial level),* on Wednesday, 5 December 2001, at 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Briefing

Mr. Timothy Lemay of the United Nations Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention (ODCCP) will make a presentation on the Global Programme against Money Laundering (GPML) on Monday, 3 December 2001, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 9. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the German Management Academy (DMAN) are jointly organizing the annual Campus on Public-Private Partnership for Development of Infrastructure and Social Services. The campus, to be conducted in English, will be held in New York from Tuesday to Friday, 4 to 7 December 2001, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684 and 963-9196).

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the World Trade Organization (WTO) are jointly organizing a workshop on international trade negotiations, as part of their International Trade Series. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held from Monday to Thursday, 10 to 13 December 2001, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at United Nations Headquarters.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, the programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all Permanent Missions in New York. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 5 December. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9684 and 963-9196).

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is conducting a workshop on team development. This workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Tuesday, 18 December 2001, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., and on Wednesday, 19 December, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, an outline of activities and a nomination form, was addressed to all Permanent Missions in New York. Members from United Nations agencies are also encouraged to apply. The registration deadline is Tuesday, 11 December. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684 and 963-9196).

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As from Thursday, 1 November 2001, and for the rest of the month, the President of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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A Web site of the Presidency of the Security Council has been established with effect on Thursday, 1 November 2001 and can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/Docs/sc/presidency.

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The Web site of the President of the General Assembly can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/ga/president. The President's statements and a summary of his daily activities are available on this Web site.

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The Web sites of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.un.org/arabic/documents/SCCommittees/1373; http://www.un.org/chinese/aboutun/prinorgs/sc/committees/1373/1373.htm; http://www.un.org/docs/sc/committees/1373; http://www.un.org/french/docs/sc/committees/1373; http://www.un.org/russian/documen/scdocs/committees/1373; and http://www.un.org/spanish/docs/comites/1373/index.html.

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During the Indonesian chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio+10), the Permanent Mission of Indonesia has set up a Web site that can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.indonesiamission-ny.org *or* http://www.un.int/indonesia.

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During the Belgian presidency of the European Union, statements made at the United Nations on behalf of the European Union are available at the following Web site address: http://www.un.int/belgium.

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Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

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Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 29 November 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

4431st meeting

The situation between Iraq and Kuwait

Report of the Secretary-General pursuant to paragraph 5 of resolution 1360 (2001) (S/2001/1089)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2001/1123, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations, and made an oral revision to the text in its provisional form.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution (S/2001/1123) before it, as orally revised in its provisional form.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2001/1123), as orally revised in its provisional form, received 15 votes in favour none against and no abstentions; and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1382 (2001).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

68th plenary meeting

Note: The summary of the 68th plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2001/234).

69th plenary meeting

Question of Palestine [41]

(a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestine People (A/56/35)

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/642)

(c) Draft resolutions (A/56/L.19, A/56/L.20, A/56/L.21, and A/56/L.22)

The Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolutions A/56/L.19, A/56/L.20, A/56/L.21 and A/56/L.22.

The Rapporteur of the Committee introduced the Committee's report (A/56/35).

The Head of the Observer Delegation of Palestine made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Malaysia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Algeria, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mauritius, India, Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey), Israel and Cuba.

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE 34th meeting

Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries [106]

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard an introductory statement by the Officer-in-charge of the New York Liaison Office of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Belgium (on behalf of the European Union, Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey), the Russian Federation, Japan and Norway.

Deadline for the submission of draft proposals

The Committee was reminded that the deadline for the submission of draft proposals under agenda item item 106 was Monday, 3 December, at 6 p.m.

Macroeconomic policy questions [95]

(b) International financial system and development

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.33

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran introduced the draft on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

(d) External debt crisis and development

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.32

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Globalization and interdependence [105]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.34

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

High-level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development [107]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.31

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

THIRD COMMITTEE 52nd meeting

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement pertaining to document A/C.3/56/L.63.

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [119 (b)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.67/Rev.1

The representative of Mexico, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document as well as Brazil, introduced the revised draft resolution. Argentina, Honduras and Suriname joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.71

The representative of Mexico, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document as well as Portugal, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution. Bangladesh, Honduras, Mauritius, the Sudan, Suriname, Sri Lanka, Tunisia and Turkey joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [119 (c)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.56

The representative of Belgium, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Australia, Estonia, Japan, Malta, San Marino and Slovenia introduced and orally revised the draft resolution. Subsequently, the Czech Republic joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Advancement of women [112]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.21/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Suriname orally revised the revised draft resolution and announced that Belgium, Germany, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Spain and Trinidad and Tobago had joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bolivia, Burkina Faso, Chile, Colombia, Croatia, Cyprus, Fiji, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Honduras, Ireland, Italy, Panama, the Philippines and Uganda joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the revised draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [114]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.72

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Uganda announced that Austria, Brazil, Chile, Spain, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, without a vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.73

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Angola joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, without a vote.

Draft decision

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to take note of the note by the Secretary-General on the Audit of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Operations in Albania (A/56/128).

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 114.

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [119 (b)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.40

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Suriname orally revised the draft resolution and announced that Antigua and Barbuda, Belize, Benin, Cameroon, Costa Rica, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominica, Grenada, Kenya, Saint Kitts and Nevis and Saint Lucia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. Subsequently, Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Fiji, Namibia, the Netherlands, Sierra Leone and Togo joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Before the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of Haiti.

The representative of the United States made an oral correction to the text.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised and corrected, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Egypt and Suriname.

Action of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.42/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the revised draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of South Africa made a statement.

The Committee adopted the revised draft resolution, without a vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.49

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran orally revised the draft resolution and announced that Bangladesh, Thailand and the United Republic of Tanzania had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. Subsequently, Comoros, Haiti, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Suriname and Togo joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Chile and Canada.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.62

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary of the Committee read out the revisions that had been made to the text at the time of introduction.

The representative of Norway announced that Mali and Sierra Leone had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. Subsequently, Cambodia, Colombia, Kenya, Lesotho, Suriname and Tunisia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic and India made statements.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.63

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Norway orally revised the draft resolution.

Mauritius joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

Before the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of Egypt.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.65

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Canada orally revised the draft resolution.

Cape Verde and the Russian Federation joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.68

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications

The Secretary of the Committee read out a correction that had been made to the text at the time of introduction.

Greece joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of Cambodia.

Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [113]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item and the Vice-Chairman, Mr. Carlos Enrique García González (El Salvador), reported on the results of the informal consultations that had taken place on the Chairman's text contained in document A/C.3/56/L.80.

Organization of work

The Committee's attention was drawn to a draft decision contained in document A/C.3/56/L.79, recommending that the Committee hold a resumed session.

The representative of India made a statement.

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement regarding her vote on document A/C.3/56/L.53.

The Chairman made a statement regarding the organization of the Committee's work.

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COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE
OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS
OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE 261st meeting

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

The Chairman made a statement.

The President of the General Assembly made a statement.

The Secretary-General made a statement.

The President of the Security Council made a statement.

The Permanent Observer of Palestine read out a message from Mr. Yasser Arafat, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization and President of the Palestinian Authority.

The Chairman of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and other Arabs of the Occupied Territories made a statement.

The representative of South Africa read a message from the Chairman of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries.

The representative of Mali read a message from the Chairman of the Organization of the Islamic Conference.

The representative of Zambia read a message from the Chairman of the Organization of African Unity.

The Chargé d'Affaires for the Office of the Permanent Observer for the League of Arab States read a message from the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States.

Mr. Don Betz made a statement on behalf of the international network of NGOs on the question of Palestine.

Messages on the occasion were received from the Heads of State of the following countries: Algeria, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Cyprus, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Egypt, Guinea, Guyana, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jordan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Maldives, Morocco, Namibia, Pakistan, Poland, Qatar, Russian Federation, Senegal, Slovak Republic, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Tunisia, Turkey and Viet Nam.

Messages were received from the Heads of Government of the following countries: Belarus, China, India, Malaysia, Malta, Mauritius and Thailand.

Messages were received from the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the following countries: Azerbaijan, Burkina Faso, Japan, Madagascar, Romania, Syrian Arab Republic and Ukraine.

Messages were received from the Governments of Burundi, Uruguay and Venezuela.

A message was received from the European Union, the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity and the Secretary-General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference.

A message was received from UNESCO.

Messages were received from the following non-governmental organizations: Association des Études Internationales, Committee for Israeli-Palestinian Dialogue, Indo-Arab Friendship Association, International Progress Organization and Society of Inash EI-Usr Al-BirehIPalestine.

A statement was made by the Head of the Political Department of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

A concluding statement was made by the Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.

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83rd (closed) meeting

Consideration of reports [6]

(a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

(b) Reports submitted by specialized agencies in accordance with article 18 of the Covenant

The Committee discussed and adopted concluding observations on the initial report of Croatia (E/1990/5/Add.46).

84th (closed) meeting

The Committee discussed and adopted concluding observations on the second periodic report of Jamaica (E/1990/6/Add.28).

THURSDAY, 29 NOVEMBER 2001

85th (closed) meeting

Consideration of reports [6]

(a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

(b) Reports submitted by specialized agencies in accordance with article 18 of the Covenant

The Committee discussed and adopted the concluding observations on the second periodic report of Jamaica (E/1990/6/Add.28).

86th (closed) meeting

The Committee discussed and adopted the concluding observations on the second periodic report of Colombia (E/C.12/4/Add.6).

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. London, 29 June 1990

Accession: Micronesia (Federated States of) (27 November 2001)*

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Copenhagen, 25 November 1992

Accession: Micronesia (Federated States of) (27 November 2001)*

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer adopted by the Ninth Meeting of the Parties. Montreal, 17 September 1997

Accession: Micronesia (Federated States of) (27 November 2001)*

* Date of reception of the relevant documents.

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Beijing, 3 December 1999

Accession: Micronesia (Federated States of) (27 November 2001)*

Entry into force: 25 February 2002, in accordance with article 3(1) of the Amendment.

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999

Signature: Saudi Arabia (29 November 2001)

* Date of reception of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

World AIDS Day

World AIDS Day will be observed *today*, 30 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4. A town-hall meeting on the theme "I Care... Do You?", will also highlight 2001 as the International Year of Volunteers. Mr. Shashi Tharoor, Interim Head of the Department of Public Information, will make welcoming remarks. The President of the General Assembly, the Deputy Secretary-General and Desmond Johns, representative of UNAIDS Office in New York, will make opening remarks. Participants will include Nane Annan; Thoraya Ahmed Obaid, Executive Director, UNFPA, and Chairperson, Committee of Co-sponsoring Agencies of UNAIDS; Eduardo Doryan, Special Representative to the United Nations, the World Bank Group; Noeleen Heyzer, Executive Director, UNIFEM; André Roberfroid, Deputy Executive Director, UNICEF; Eimi Watanabe, Assistant Administrator and Director, Bureau for Development Policy, UNDP; Wendy Fitzwilliam, Miss Universe 1998 and Goodwill Ambassador for HIV/AIDS; and Danny Glover, UNDP Goodwill Ambassador. The moderator will be Daljit Dhaliwal, News Anchor, ITN, London. The observance is co-sponsored by DPI, UNAIDS, UNICEF, UNDP, UNFPA, the ILO, WHO, the World Bank, UNIFEM and UNV. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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International Day of Disabled Persons

On the occasion of the International Day of Disabled Persons, an art exhibit entitled "United Colors", co-sponsored by the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will be launched on Monday, 3 December 2001, at 6 p.m. at the south end of the lobby of the Secretariat Building.

Also in observance of the International Day, a panel discussion on "New Approaches to Assess Progress and Evaluate Outcomes", organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will be held on Thursday, 6 December 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9. More information about the International Day will be available on the Internet at the following address: (http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/enable/disobs.htm).

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Special tribute to Mr. Ismat T. Kittani

There will be special tribute to the memory of Mr. Ismat T. Kittani, former President of the General Assembly, United Nations Under-Secretary-General and senior Iraqi diplomat, on Tuesday, 4 December 2001, at 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, with the participation of the Secretary-General. All attending are kindly requested to be seated in the Chamber by 11.45 a.m.

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